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KINGDOM FOR THE KING OF BEASTS

V C's dream at last comes true

ON November 8, 1917, Montague Shadworth Seymour Moore, then a young second lieutenant in the Hampshire Regiment, won the Victoria Cross—For Valour.

In June 1951, nearly 34 years later, Monty Moore, as he has become known throughout Kenya, won the longest campaign of his career, and received another reward—For Pertinacity. His efforts to obtain recognition for the Serengati Game Reserve in Tanganyika Territory as the Kingdom of the Lions had at last been crowned with success.

NATURAL SANCTUARY

All his life Monty Moore has shown an interest in lions, and his boyhood dream was to see a great natural sanctuary for them. But before he could take effective steps to that end, the First World War took him to foreign fields.

It was in France that his dashing gallantry and example of cool determination won him the V.C. For 36 hours he and a handful of men held an advanced post under continuous shellfire. From a dug-out they had captured prisoners, two machine-guns, and a light field-gun. When their own ammunition ran out he re-armed his men with enemy rifles and bombs, and eventually got away his wounded under cover of a thick mist.

After the war Moore became Game Warden of Tanganyika Territory, which included the Serengati Plains, where antelopes, giraffes, and, of course, lions roamed undisturbed.

Immediately his dream of a kingdom of lions was given fresh impetus, and he began a campaign to have the Serengati area declared a national park. Many people opposed the idea, some saying that the area was needed for farming, others that the game would introduce disease among the farm cattle. There were also hunters, concerned only with a continuance of their sport.

NO ARGUMENTS

Monty Moore would have none of the arguments against his cherished plan; he wrote about it, pleaded, lectured. When he was too old to carry on as Game Warden he retired to North Kenya, but still pursued his campaign on behalf of the lions.

Recently his wish came true. Monty Moore was handed Tanganyika's official gazette, and there he read that by Royal Proclamation the Serengati Game Reserve was declared the territory's first National Park.

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCESS

Nine-year-old David Etchells, of Stockport, is a very proud boy just now. He has received an answer to a letter he wrote to Princess Elizabeth. It was signed by Lady Alice Egerton, Lady-in-Waiting.

> Dear David (the letter ran), Princess Elizabeth has asked me to thank you for your letter, which she was very pleased to receive.
>
> Her Royal Highness saw you on the station at Stockport, and, at the time, wondered if you had managed to get the name of the engine, and she was delighted to hear that you were successful.

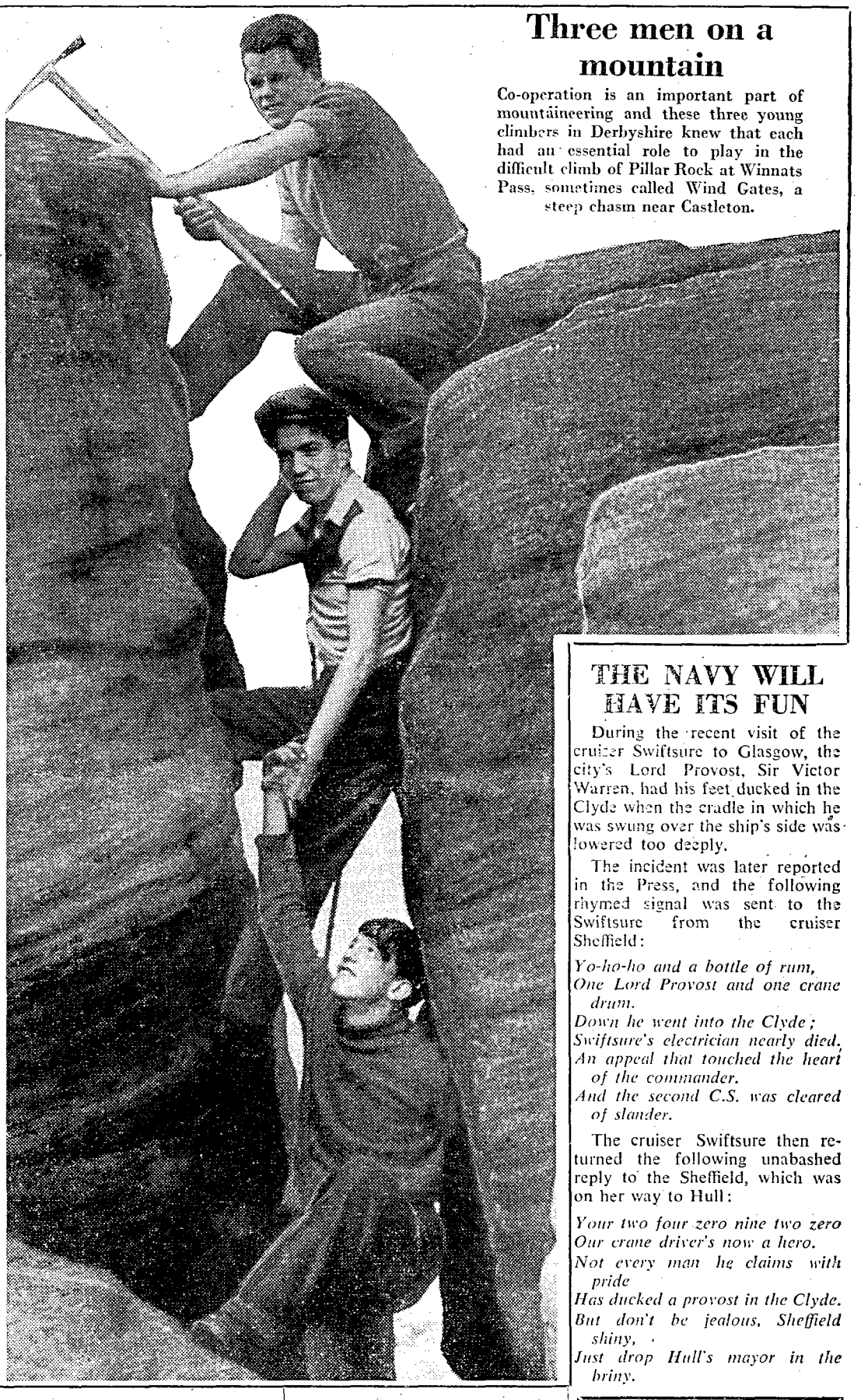
Why was David thus honoured? Well, he and some schoolmates heard that Princess Elizabeth would be in one of two royal coaches on the 6 p.m. train to London from Manchester, after attending the ceremony at the Manchester Cathedral of the laying up of the old colours of the Third Battalion, the Grenadier Guards.

The train was scheduled to stop at Edgeley Station, Stockport, and the boys took along their notebooks to jot down the name and number of the engine. They stopped on the deserted platform across the line, away from the crowd of officials.

As fortune would have it, when the train stopped, in a direct line with the boys, there sat Princess Elizabeth, reading a book. She smiled when she saw the boys with their notebooks. They waved to her and she waved back.

The first thing David did when he got home was to write to the Princess, thanking her for being so gracious to them, telling her that the name of the engine drawing the train in which she had travelled to London was "The Duke of Wellington" and the number 46145.

Three men on a mountain



Co-operation is an important part of mountaineering and these three young climbers in Derbyshire knew that each had an essential role to play in the difficult climb of Pillar Rock at Winnats Pass, sometimes called Wind Gates, a steep chasm near Castleton.

THE NAVY WILL HAVE ITS FUN

During the recent visit of the cruiser Swiftsure to Glasgow, the city's Lord Provost, Sir Victor Warren, had his feet ducked in the Clyde when the cradle in which he was swung over the ship's side was lowered too deeply.

The incident was later reported in the Press, and the following rhymed signal was sent to the Swiftsure from the cruiser Sheffield:

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum,
One Lord Provost and one crane drum.
Down he went into the Clyde;
Swiftsure's electrician nearly died.
An appeal that touched the heart of the commander.
And the second C.S. was cleared of slander.

The cruiser Swiftsure then returned the following unabashed reply to the Sheffield, which was on her way to Hull:

Your two four zero nine two zero
Our crane driver's now a hero.
Not every man he claims with pride
Has ducked a provost in the Clyde.
But don't be jealous, Sheffield shiny,
Just drop Hull's mayor in the briny.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

There is a bridge in Scotland known as "the bridge that spans the Atlantic." It is the picturesque high-arched Clachan Bridge which crosses the narrow tidal waters of Clachan Sound and links the island of Seil with the mainland of Argyll.

This bridge, built in 1792 by Thomas Telford, has in recent years carried a great deal of heavy traffic; and now the Argyll County Council has ordered an inspection of its structure. The suggestion has also been made that a new bridge should be built and the old one preserved as a fine example of Telford's work.

COW WANTED BADLY

An American advertising a cow for sale asked applicants to name their own price. One person wrote that he would give in exchange a motor-cycle, a shotgun, a rifle, a gold wristwatch, an Irish setter, 50 chickens, a pig, a coat with a sable collar, a television set, a pigskin suitcase, a wardrobe trunk, and some jewellery.

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The Colombo Plan gets under way

SUNDAY, July the First, marked the first practical steps in the Colombo Plan—that magnificent scheme for promoting mutual aid in the Commonwealth and other countries in South and South-east Asia. July 1, 1951, indeed, may become as important in the history of Asia as August 15, 1945, the Independence Day of India and Pakistan.

Since that date Ceylon (in whose capital, Colombo, the Plan was proposed), Burma, and Indonesia have also achieved self-government. The new States, however, have come to realise that *political* independence is not enough. They have been finding that the old problems of poverty, disease, and economic weakness are not being solved. Consequently they have still to turn to the more developed countries for economic help, whether in the form of capital or technical aid by skilled technicians and engineers.

To provide such outside help is one part of the Colombo Plan, but there is a principle enshrined in it which makes it different from previous schemes.

SELF-HELP

Then, Asian countries just waited for outside aid. Now, the Colombo Plan, which is to cover the next six years, gives India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and other Asiatic nations the greatest possible opportunity of helping themselves.

The six-year Plan will cost £1868,000,000, of which Britain will give about £300,000,000.

From two Commonwealth conferences, held in Sydney and London last year, emerged a basic idea of giving the vast populations —a quarter of the world's peoples —more food. Hence the insistence on the importance of increasing irrigation and acreage under food grains. But this, clearly, is not enough.

The history of Asia, and especially of India, has shown that not only must food be available but also transport to shift it where famine is threatening. So it is proposed to spend about five hundred million pounds — the biggest single item of expenditure —on railways, roads, harbours, and ports. Housing, education, health, and other social services come next. Furthermore, the Plan includes aid towards the development of industry, especially in Pakistan, which after partition has been left with hardly any factories.

DOLLAR-EARNING

Though the West, with its rearmament programme, can spare fewer machines and technicians than anticipated, the Plan will benefit from a spurt of prosperity in those Asian countries which can supply raw materials for the West, and thus obtain a stock of hard currency, including dollars.

Another encouraging fact is that, after some hesitation, the United States has now joined one of the governing bodies of the Colombo Plan. So American aid should soon be forthcoming.

NEW BELGIAN KING

July 21 will be a day of celebrations for the Belgians; they will be demonstrating their loyalty to their new King, Baudouin, a young man of 20. His father, Leopold III, has formally abdicated, and July 17 was the approved date for the new King to take the royal oath before Belgium's Parliament.

July 21 has been chosen for celebrating his accession because it is Belgium's National Day, and the theme of next Saturday's fêtes will be the patriotic unity of the two sections of the people, the French-speakers and the Flemish-speakers, under a monarch of whom all parties approve.

King Baudouin is the fifth king of the Belgians. The first was Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, our Queen Victoria's revered "Uncle Leopold," who was invited by the Belgians to ascend their throne in 1831 after they had rebelled against the Dutch. A wise and well-loved ruler, Leopold did much to put his State on its feet.

He was succeeded in 1865 by his son Leopold II, who was not a man of such high character as his father had been. In 1909 Belgian's heroic King Albert came to the throne. He was famous for his brave defiance of Germany in 1914, and for his devotion to his people.

King Albert died in 1934, and his son, Leopold III, also had to face German aggression in 1940. He became a prisoner of the Nazis, but the Belgians were divided in their opinions about him after the war, and he abdicated.

King Baudouin has great tasks before him, the most important being to ensure that his nation retains its newly-restored unity.

Highest and fastest

An airman wearing special clothing to prevent his blood boiling and his body exploding at the tremendous height he intended to reach, is said to have broken all height and speed records in the American Douglas Skyrocket over California. He is believed to have flown at just under 1300 m.p.h., nearly twice the speed of sound, and to have reached a height of 70,000 feet. The exact figures were kept secret by the U.S. Navy.

The man in the Douglas Skyrocket was Mr. Bill Bridgeman. In his rocket plane he was first carried up by another plane, a B-29, and launched at a height of 35,000 feet. He then started climbing at an angle of 45 degrees.

The previous world's height record of 59,445 feet was set up in 1948 by Group Captain Cunningham in a De Havilland Vampire.

By the C N Press Gallery Correspondent

PARLIAMENTARY "written answers" —to distinguish them from verbal replies which Ministers give during Question Hour—often contain big news. It was in such a way that M.P.s learned recently that the Cocos Islands had been transferred to Australia.

The amount of information poured out through written answers is astonishing. For instance, when we watch those huge eight-wheeled goods vehicles thunder past, do we ever pause to consider that their weight is regulated by law?

A written answer tells us that the highest aggregate laden weight permitted for vehicles in general operation in this country is as much as 62 tons. This applies to heavy locomotives and trailers drawn by them. We rarely see any of these, though they do exist.

What we more often see are special vehicles carrying special loads, such as a mammoth propeller. No maximum laden weight is at present laid down for these.

ANOTHER written answer shows why the Portuguese are usually called "Britain's oldest allies."

Altogether Britain has set her hand to eleven existing treaties pledging assistance to a number of allies. The oldest of these is the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of 1373.

The next oldest is the Anglo-Iraqui Treaty of 1930. The youngest, of course, is the treaty signed by the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers in 1949.

WHY do M.P.s say "Hear, hear"? Originally the supporters of an M.P. cried "Hear him!" as a counterblast to groans or jeers from his opponents.

This was gradually shortened to "Hear"; so "Hear, hear" is merely an expression of emphasis. It can be repeated as many times as an approving listener wishes.

One African tribe has a more picturesque way of applauding a speech. The tribesmen shout "Pula!" Viscount Stansgate thinks if this word could be introduced into Parliament's vocabulary it would "add much to the brightness of our debate."

COLONEL WALTER ELLIOT told the Commons the other day the story of the little Scots boy who said to his mother in the tram: "See the wee dug, mither?" To which his mother replied: "It's no' a wee dug, it's a little dog."

POSTAGE stamps bearing the head of King George V, who died in 1936, can still be used on letters and cards, says the Postmaster-General.

AND so back to questions—the verbal type this time. Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P. for Orpington, said the other day: "Is the Minister aware that his answer is so feeble that I cannot find words to put a supplementary question?"

News From Everywhere

NOT FOR EXPORT

The Indian Export Control has limited the number of elephants that may be exported because of the need of elephants for haulage work in the forests.

A new jute factory at Dundee, claimed as the most modern in the world, is the first to be equipped with the circular loom—a French invention.

Story of seafaring

The new wings of the Royal Maritime Museum at Greenwich bring the story up to modern days by means of paintings, manuscripts, and ships' models.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are to visit Canada in October. The Duke is returning to England on July 21 on ending his command of the frigate Magpie.

Festival Features

Westerham, Kent, has paid a Festival Year tribute to her famous townsman by planting an avenue of trees and naming it Churchill Avenue.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Rosemary Spencer-Churchill, and Lord and Lady Saye and Sele will play the parts of their ancestors during the Civil War in a 17th-century pageant in Blenheim Park, Oxfordshire, this month.

An exhibition of Cotswold craftsmanship now on view at Cheltenham contains more than 400 items of craft furniture, silver and ironwork, fine printing, and embroidery.

Brian Watson, 14, of Lower Edmonton, was entertained as the 3,000,000th visitor to South Bank. The 2,000,000th visitor on June 15 was also a schoolboy.

The Football Association has banned the televising of next year's Cup Final.

Britain has replaced Japan as the biggest supplier of toys to India with exports last year worth £74,000.

From next autumn, students at teachers' training colleges whose parents' net income is under £500 a year will not be called upon to contribute to their term-time board.

SCHOOL FOR PYGMIES

A mission at Itipo, 120 miles south of Coquilhatville, in the Belgian Congo, has opened a school for pygmies; 340 are having their first lessons.

Guests at a restaurant just opened at Holmenkollen, New Oslo, where the 1952 winter Olympics are to be held, will be able to watch ski-jumpers through large plate-glass windows.

A sycamore tree in Sheffield has a leaf 17 inches wide. The normal size is six or seven inches.

Parties of Commonwealth Scouts on their way to the seventh World Jamboree in Austria will be received by Princess Elizabeth at Clarence House on July 28.

Michael Smith, aged four, of Islington, was given an ice-cream cornet to eat while firemen used bending machinery when his head became jammed between railings.

The Southampton branch of Our Dumb Friends League has opened a new home for stray cats and dogs at 131 Warren Avenue, Shirley, to replace the former war-damaged home. There is accommodation for 50 dogs and 36 cats.

Britain, in common with most of the allied countries, has formally proclaimed the end of the state of war with Germany.

TV for the North

Tests from the new television transmitter at Holme Moss, near Huddersfield, are starting this month, and it is hoped to begin regular services in October.

The New Zealand Government have announced their willingness to pay half the cost of the building of youth hostels by churches or welfare organisations.

Six boys named William Hynd attend Queen Anne J.S. School, Dunfermline, in Fifeshire. Altogether, there are 18 pupils with this surname at the school.

Argyll has won for the third time the Ministry of Transport shield for the best wreck service by coastguards and companies of life-saving auxiliary corps.

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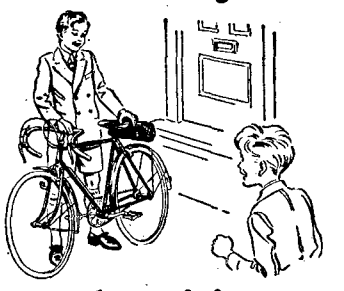

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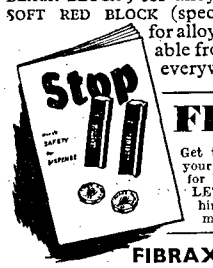

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PLANE SAILING

Entries from pilots and clubs all over the country have been received for this year's national gliding championships to be held at the Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club's headquarters at Camp Hill, near Great Hucklow, Derbyshire, from July 22-29.

Last year's contests were also held at Camp Hill, and, after wind and rain had marred the first two days, the weather improved sufficiently to allow several record long distance and altitude flights.

BEATING THE ROAD HOG

A young South African has invented a device for enabling traffic policemen to tell the exact speed at which a car is travelling. It works by means of two beams of light placed some distance apart.

When a car passes, the beams are broken and photocells operate a special type of electric clock. The speed of the car can then be established to within one hundredth of a second!

FARM HAND

He learned with his hands, as others learn with their heads. He lives by his hands. They are craggy now; the veins and knuckles stand out on them, and there are cuts and callouses across the skin.

Through these hands he learned the crafts of the fields. See him in winter threshing clover seeds in a wild north wind. In summer, watch him as he bends among the corn.

Today, craftsmen like this farmhand are few. He is a relic of older, happier days, and he does not understand his modern workmate. Read "The Old Countryman," a human and interesting feature in World Digest. On sale July 20, price 1s. 3d.

NUMBER, PLEASE

The number of telephones in use in Britain at the end of March was 5,426,150. This was an increase of 254,659 in a year, and represents a telephone density of 58.3 per square miles, the highest in the world.

NORSEMEN AT CANTERBURY

Among the several impressive shows at Canterbury's Festival is a play in verse about the ancient Norsemen capturing the archbishop, which has its first performance in the chapter house of the cathedral on July 18 and its last on July 28. It is The Makers of Violence, by Robert Gittings.

The action takes place in the eleventh century, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Alphege, is seen a prisoner of the Norsemen in their camp at Greenwich. He refuses to be ransomed by his devoted English, who look on him as their real leader, because he believes a divine purpose has placed him among his enemies.

It is an exciting story in which the author explores the nature of violence and man's power to withstand it. The drama is written in strong, straightforward verse of great beauty.

A HUNDRED YEARS OF CARAVANS

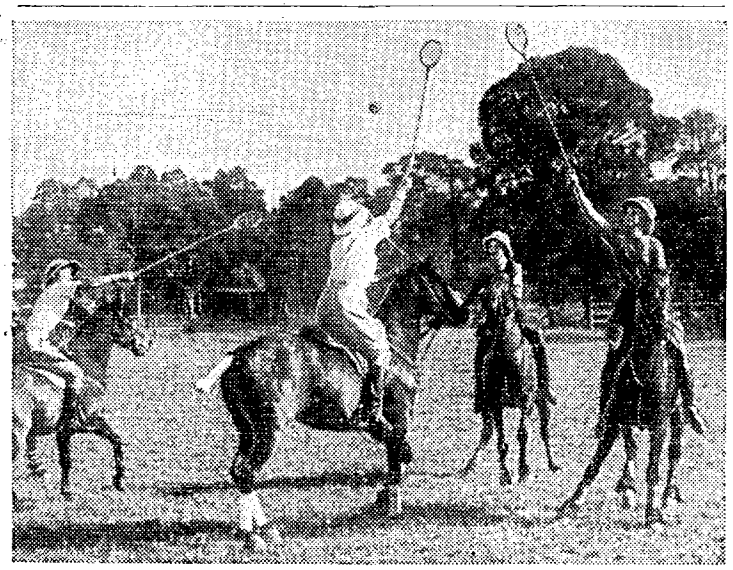
An exhibition of British caravans, showing their development during the past 100 years, is on view on a site at 80 Oxford Street, London.

The earliest example is a gaily-painted gipsy caravan of 1851. It is of the kind described by George Borrow in Romano Lavo-Lil. The other 24 models show how the dwelling-on-wheels has evolved to the present-day streamlined trailer caravan. An interesting vehicle among them is a caravan-bank, lent by Westminster Bank.

PRAIRIE PIONEERS

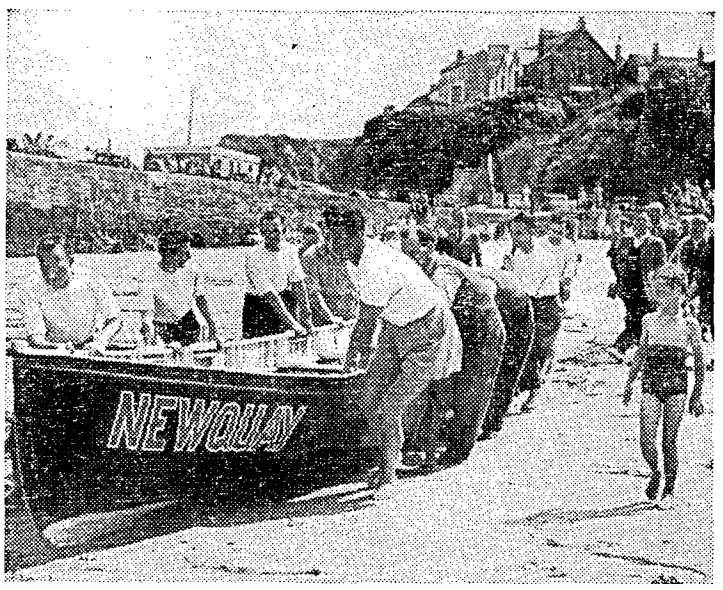
Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, now a progressive Canadian city, held a special Pioneer Day recently when the entire community took part in an historical pageant. Included was a familiar Red River ox cart, a covered wagon first used in 1875 on one of the treks west, and one of the first ploughs.

Tableaus showing the first Council, the laying of the railroad, and early grain traders all had their places in the procession.



Polocrosse Down Under

Polocrosse, a mixture af polo and lacrosse, is becoming a popular game in Australia. A team comprises three men and three women who compete in alternate chukkas or periods. Here we see four ladies reaching for a high ball.



A gig takes the sea

Members of the Newquay Rowing Club, Cornwall, are attempting to revive the old sport of gig racing. Here we see some of them launching a 130-year-old gig on the beach at Newquay.

HARNESSING STEAM

Experiments now being conducted by the United Nations in the British West Indian Colony of St. Lucia may give the island cheap electricity from volcanic steam.

Mr. Gunnar Bodvarsson of Iceland has arrived in St. Lucia to investigate the amount of steam available, its pressure, temperature, and chemical composition.

St. Lucia will not be the first country to turn its steam vents (or fumaroles) into electric power. In Italy escaping steam in the Larderello Valley has been used for this purpose for many years, while the Icelandic Government has recently installed a generator powered by volcanic steam. The C N last week reported New Zealand's search for underground steam-power in North Island.

One of the problems facing Mr. Bodvarsson in St. Lucia is to devise a method of capping a vent if a steam "gusher" occurs. When this happened in Italy last year, steam at a temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit, escaping at a speed of 1200 feet a second, caused a roar heard 15 miles away.

WHERE LIVINGSTONE STAYED

The house at Tabora where Dr. Livingstone stayed with Sir Henry Stanley is being completely restored by the Tanganyika Government. It is a traditional Arab house, and has been falling into disrepair for some years.

Fifteen years ago the carved door was presented to the Johannesburg Museum, but a copy has been made by an Arab craftsman, and will be fitted in the house.

RIGHT TIME

What is believed to be the most accurate timekeeper in the world has been installed in a sealed room in New Jersey, U.S.A.

This master timekeeper is an electronic device that varies less than one ten-thousandth part of a second a day; in 30 years it will have lost, or gained, only one second. It contains some 600 vacuum tubes and more than 25,000 soldered wire connections.

HER DAY AT LORD'S

Fifteen-year-old Rae Osborn of New Barnet is a cricket enthusiast and the regular scorer for a local club, and recently she won an essay competition on The Most Outstanding Cricketer Today.

Rae wrote about Denis Compton, and her prize was a ticket for Lord's and a tour of the famous pavilion. She met Denis Compton, and also Godfrey Evans and Alec Bedser. Then she spent the rest of the afternoon watching the match.

SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE DAY

The harbour-master at Broadstairs had a good idea. He suggested to the local council that a notice-board on the jetty should give pictures of liners likely to pass, their destinations, and the approximate time when they can be seen.

He now reports that people have come from other resorts in the district to see the ships as they go off on their journeyings, or come home from the Seven Seas.

WHITE HOUSE SOUVENIRS

The United States Government is doing brisk business in souvenirs from the White House, the official residence in Washington of the President. These range from a foot-long piece of lath to nearly a ton of bricks and stone which would be enough to build a fireplace.

These pieces of historic junk were removed when the mansion was prepared for remodelling.

ADEN ADVANCES

The Arab ruler of a State in the Aden Protectorate has taken the revolutionary step of establishing a Legislative Council, the first to be set up in any State in the desert land behind the British port.

He is Abdul Karim, Sultan of Lahej, which is the capital of the Abdali State, the most important in the Western Aden Protectorate.

For your Summer Snaps
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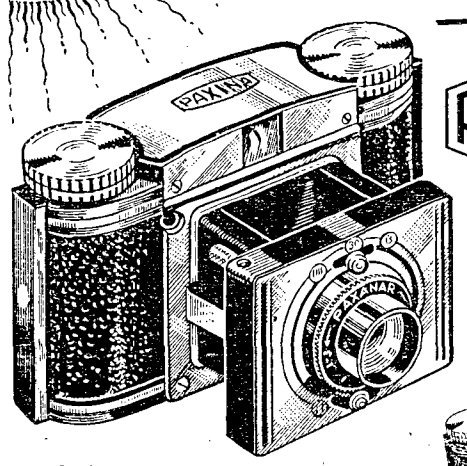

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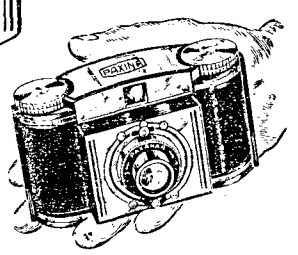

HERE is a camera that anyone would be proud to own. The Paxina is an attractively designed camera, which takes 12 pictures, size 2¼" x 2¼" (No. 20 film). The strong metal case is covered in leather cloth, and bright parts are finished in chromium. It is as small as a folding camera, and the lens is kept rigid by the all-metal extending boxfront. Loading the film is quite simple and may be carried out in daylight. The lens and shutter are of the finest quality.

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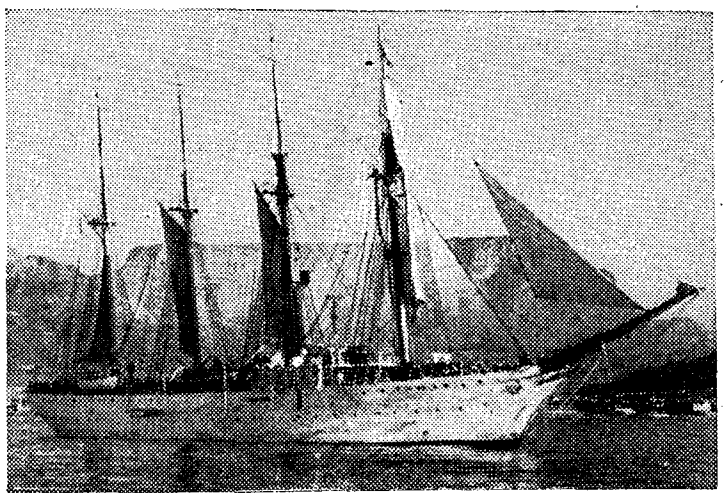
ADVENTURE IN MALAYA

Fourteen men are soon to set out from Britain to open fresh roads for the Christian faith in Malaya. Most of them have had to leave China, but are determined to continue serving the two million Chinese in Malaya.

It is an adventure which will have its excitements, because much of the work of the missionaries will bring upon them the unwelcome attentions of the bandits who have been terrorising the Chinese in their isolated settlements.

Travelling will be dangerous, but like the pioneer missionaries who first brought the Christian faith to Malaya these men of 1951 will not be lacking in courage. With its complex mixing of races, its strategic position, and its wealth of natural resources, Malaya offers a promising field for the exploitation of Communism. But it is also an opportunity for the advancement of Christianity.

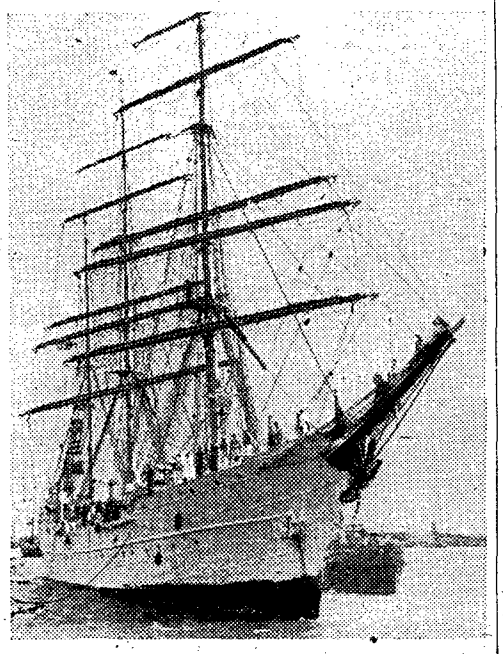
Ten of the 14 will be supported by the Church Missionary Society and four by the London Missionary Society, and the results of their adventure may well open up a big new field for British missionary work.



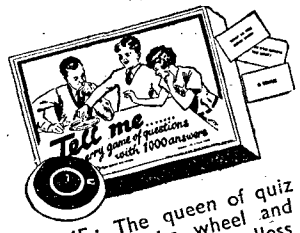
SHIPS IN HARBOUR

The picture above shows the Brazilian auxiliary schooner, Almirante Saldhana, in the harbour at Cape Town. The schooner is on a world cruise and carries 76 midshipmen under instruction.

On the right is the three-masted barque, Eagle, of U.S. Coast Guard Service, at Portsmouth. Manned by Coast Guard cadets she paid a three-day visit to the city before continuing her summer cruise to Holland, France, and the Canary Islands.



AND EVEN DAD WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THEM



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GOLDEN HAMSTERS ARE HOARDING FOOD

By Craven Hill, Zoo Correspondent of the CN

THREE golden hamsters are going to the Pets' Corner at the London Zoo, where they are likely to become very popular.

They were brought in by a schoolboy, J. L. Mantle, of St. Paul's Cray, Kent, whose cherished pets they had been for some months. He had to part with them as he and his family were leaving for Australia.

The reason for putting the hamsters in Pets' Corner is not so much their attractiveness—they are charming, soft-coated little rodents—as for their educational value. Hamsters are outstanding examples of those prudent animals which "put by for the rainy day," a habit from which they never depart, even in a zoo.

In their cage they can often be seen running around with their cheek pouches crammed to capacity. They are carrying food to their sleeping-boxes, or to some dark corner where they soon establish impressive (though not always sweet-smelling) larders.

Another interesting animal which will join the Corner shortly is a two-month-old badger, given to the menagerie by Mr. W. Austin, the superintendent of Regent's Park.

"I brought the cub from the Walmer Castle estate, near Deal, which I manage," Mr. Austin told me. "The head gardener there found it in the course of his duties. It was probably the cub's first outing since its birth. I only hope its mother isn't missing it too much! I tried to get the baby to feed, but it would take nothing, so I took it up to the Zoo, knowing it would be well looked after there."

OTHER interesting newcomers can be seen in the reptile section. They are five Savigny's tree-frogs, brought home from Corsica by Mr. C. S. Webb, the Society's curator of mammals and birds, who has been on holiday on the island.

"These frogs are fairly common in Corsica," Mr. Webb said, "and I caught them all myself. Some I captured as they lay basking on rocks in the sun—the idea is to make a quick grab at them before they can jump! Others I secured after dark, with the aid of a torch.

"I brought them all home in a jam jar, in which they were perfectly happy sitting on leaves. I had only to moisten them occasionally with warm water. They are now feeding well on flies."

THE future of 700-lbs. Marmaduke, the giant land tortoise who recently came by air from Calcutta, and is the largest of his kind ever seen in the Gardens, is uncertain.

Officials are wondering whether it would be possible to turn him into a "riding animal." If he were to be allowed to carry young children on his enormous shell (it measures six feet from front to back) there is no doubt that he would be one of the most popular steeds in the Gardens.

One point in favour of letting Marmaduke carry children is his docility. Before coming to the Zoo he was kept as a pet in a Calcutta garden for 40 years, and is so used to humans that he does not bite.

There is, however, a snag. The old giant is very lethargic and does not move about much. He just likes to "stay put" on the lawn, munching the lush grass till he has more or less cleared the spot. Then he moves on a foot or two for another meal.

He would not mind children sitting on him, but whether he would consent to *carry* them is another question.

GOING FOR A PICNIC?

Many interesting gadgets for campers and picnickers are on view at an exhibition called Eating out of Doors, which is open at the Tea Centre, Regent Street, London, until August 3.

"Why eat outdoors at all unless you have to," is a grumble of the past. Today we all love picnics and contrive their full success by avoidance of the little snags. For instance, we may be on the river when there is an ominous plop as Mother starts to cut the bread-and-butter, and a gasp of, "Oh, the knife's fallen in the river!" Wistfully we peer down among the reeds, and then at the uncut loaf, while Uncle mutters that only half-wits would wish to have tea in a punt.

What we need is a floating knife, so that Uncle can swim after it; and just such a knife, with a large cork handle, is on view in this exhibition.

No more, either, need we dread spilling milk and sugar over Uncle's flannel trousers, for here is the new milk and sugar dispenser; when its button is pressed it releases the required quantity in the right place.

Grumbles about warm milk and liquid butter can also be eliminated by a new kind of water carrier—a collapsible beaker that, like other exhibits, occupies small space when packed.

The exhibition also has much to show those whose hearts are in the adventure of open-air life. For yachtsmen there is de-salting kit for taking the salt out of sea water. This kit is being carried in the Nova Espero, in which Stanley Smith is crossing the Atlantic.

Another boon for amateur sailors is the Beme Loop Radio, a portable wireless set which can be used as a direction finder. It can pick up signals from radio beacons in lighthouses and lightships up to 50 miles away.

QUEEN'S HALL TO RISE AGAIN

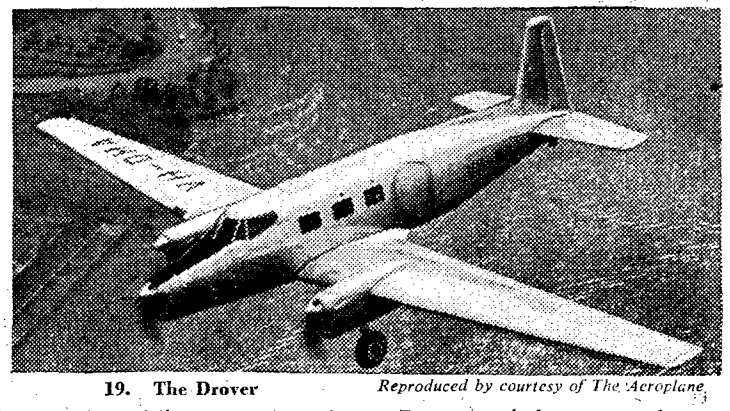
All music-lovers will rejoice at the news that the blitzed Queen's Hall—home for 47 years of the popular "Proms"—is to rise again from its ashes.

It is to be rebuilt as a National Concert Hall and will include a memorial to Sir Henry Wood, who started the Proms there in 1895 and made it London's chief musical centre.

The new Queen's Hall will also occupy the site of the neighbouring St. George's Hall—once the home of conjuring under Maskelyne and Devant. It will seat 3100, with space for another 1000 as promenaders, and there will also be a smaller hall for chamber music, seating about 1100.

The grand tradition of the old Queen's Hall under Sir Henry Wood will be maintained by a Trust.

NEW PLANES FOR THE WORLD'S AIRWAYS



19. The Drover

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The first airline to operate the little triple-engined De Havilland Drover is Quantas Empire Airways, and the first machine to go into service is being used in New Guinea. This particular aircraft has collapsible seats and can accommodate up to 12 New Guinea natives, who weigh less than most Australians. The passenger's luggage, often consisting of pigs and other livestock, or a bag of rice, is put under the seat. The normal version will seat seven.

Drover ambulances are due to replace the Dragon Rapides at present in use by Australia's famous Flying Doctor Service.

This rugged little machine, powered by three 145 h.p. Gipsy Major 10s, cruises at 160 m.p.h. at 8000 feet, and climbs at 1600 feet per minute—a performance that enables it to fly over the hazardous mountain ranges that separate New Guinea's airfields.

Span of the Drover is 57 feet and its length is 36 feet 6 inches.

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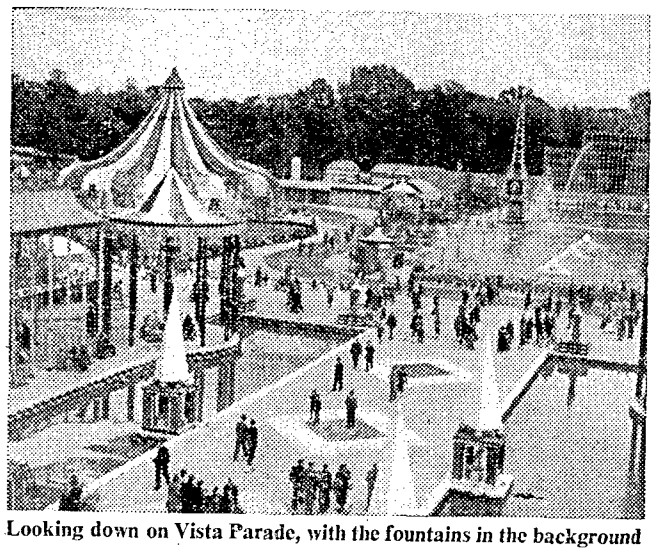
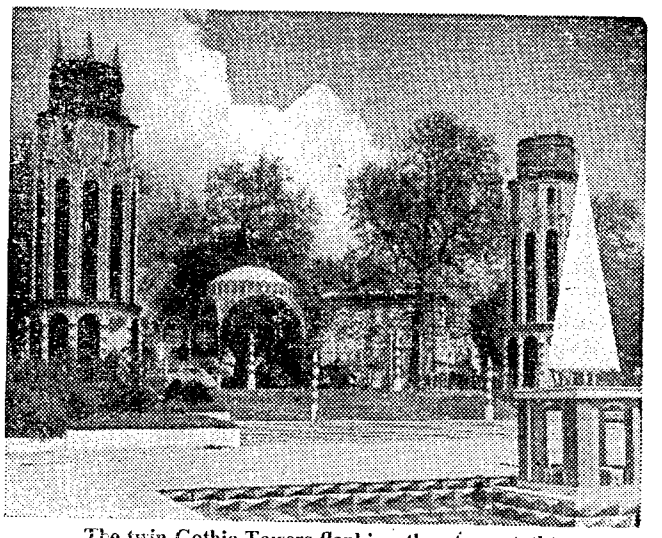
Down Battersea Way — Festival Gardens and Fair

THE South Bank Exhibition is the focal point of London's attractions this summer—the more serious side of the Festival of Britain celebrations—but from there visitors can move a little way upstream by Thames water-bus or road or rail to the Festival Gardens and Fun Fair in Battersea Park. Some of its varied delights are pictured on this page.

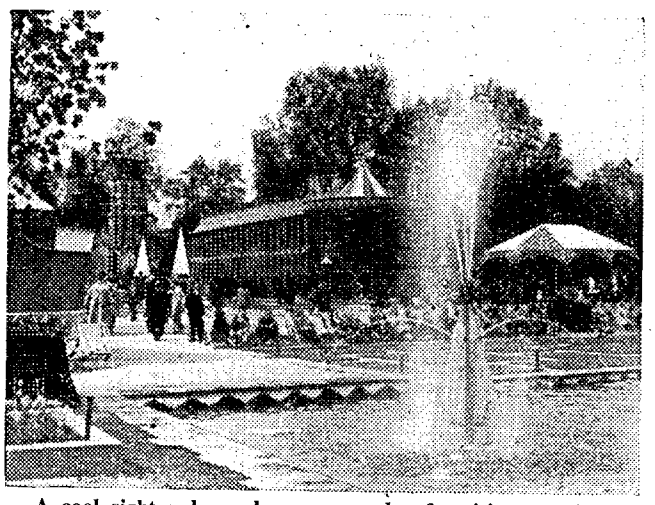


Looking down on Vista Parade, with the fountains in the background

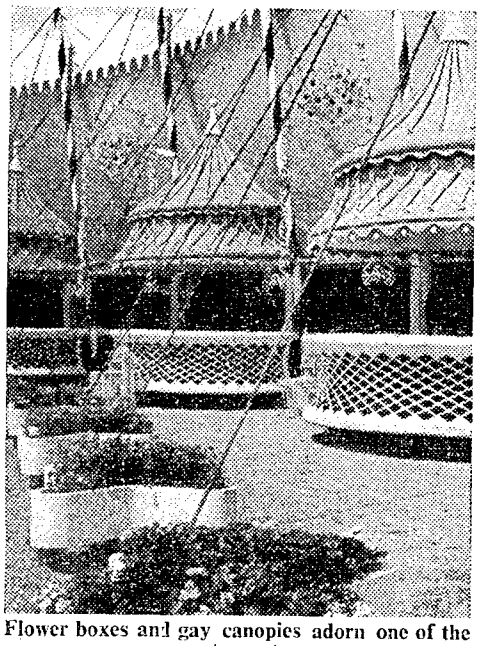
This Crazy Clock is one of the most amusing attractions in the Gardens. Crowds gather each quarter of an hour to see it "perform"



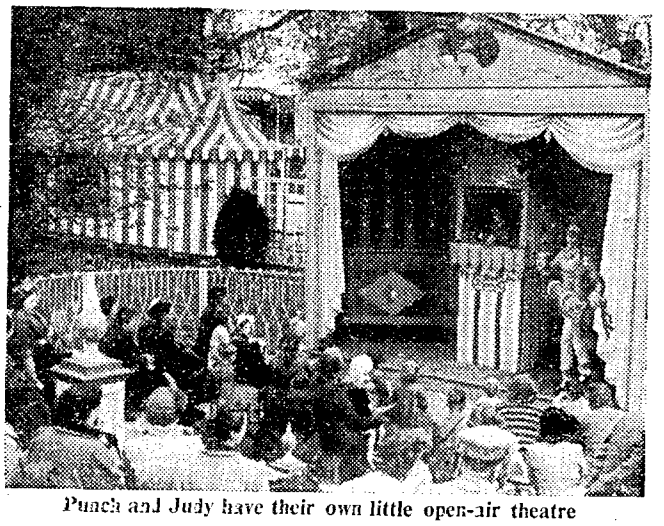
The twin Gothic Towers flanking the steps at the approach to the Vista



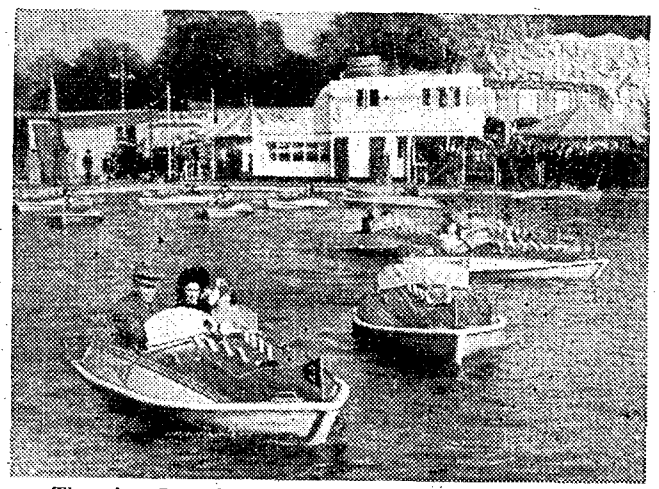
A cool sight and sound on a warm day for visitors resting by the fountains



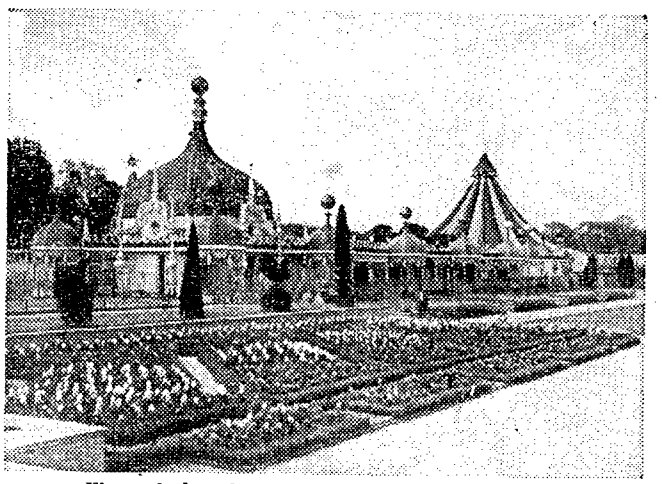
Flower boxes and gay canopies adorn one of the restaurants



Punch and Judy have their own little open-air theatre

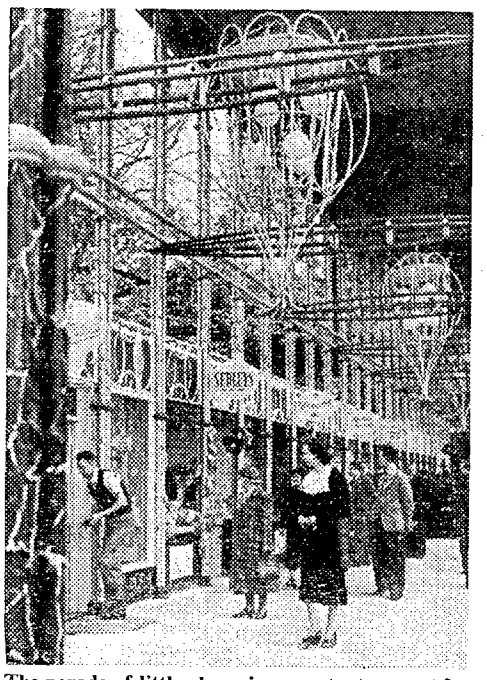


There is a fleet of motor-boats on the lake in the Fun Fair



Flower-beds and pavilions add to the colourful scene

After dark the Fun Fair is a dazzling sight with its whirling and flashing coloured lights



The parade of little shops is a constant magnet for crowds of visitors

The Pleasure Gardens take on a new aspect when bathed in coloured floodlights

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The Editor's Table

THREE CHEERS FOR MOTHER!

PRINCESS ELIZABETH has complimented the mothers of Britain on the way they are bringing up their children.

To their love and devotion British mothers have added the benefits of modern child welfare, and these have achieved wonders.

In 1900, of every 1000 babies born more than 150 died in the first year of their life. Today the rate is below thirty, and much of the credit for the reduction is due to the mothers.

To love children is natural; to give them all the care they need is an art to be learned—there are right ways and wrong ways. In the past too much faith was placed in old customs. The modern mother learns from the doctor, from the nurse, from the clinic, and from the school; and the result is that children are healthier, and homes are happier.

This was America

The United States are partly wild, full of forests, mountains, and lakes; and partly flat and cultivated. The inhabitants are of British descent and all speak English. The principal towns are New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, all in the eastern or cultivated states.

An English schoolbook less than a century old

GIFTS TO THE DAUGHTER STATES

THE House of Commons, with the approval of the King, is to present a Mace to the Australian House of Representatives, and a Speaker's Chair to the New Zealand Parliament.

Australia has somehow lost its Mace—that important symbol which Cromwell hastily called a bauble—and New Zealand lacks a suitable Speaker's Chair.

We can all agree with Mr. Churchill's words: "We are entirely in favour of these gifts being made from the Mother of Parliaments to the Daughter States as they were, Sister States as they are . . . who carry forward so much of our traditions and life and on whom we rely not only to strengthen us in the years to come, but to carry our message on to future ages, in proportionately as powerful a position as we occupy at present."

The Frenchman who loved Oxford

THE late M. Antonin Besse has left behind him at Oxford a living memorial in St. Anthony's College, which he founded and endowed with a magnificent gift of £1,250,000, as well as making gifts to eight other colleges. He ranks with Lord Nuffield and Cecil Rhodes as one of the greatest benefactors of Oxford in this century.

This wealthy French shipowner was a great admirer of the University and anxious that his young countrymen should have the benefit of education there. St. Anthony's, which has now completed its first year, will always receive a number of French students.

M. Besse was modest as well as generous. He wanted to keep his princely gifts a secret, and it was some time before he could be persuaded to accept an honorary degree. Even then he wanted to receive it privately. But his fame will endure.

Who wants to live in this Utopia?

THE President of the British Dental Association recently said: "If all sweetshops were prohibited by law—no doubt an impossible Utopia--then the dental surgeon's work with children would largely disappear."

Well, we all have our Utopias, dream-worlds where toothache—and dentists—are unknown. But a Utopia without sweetshops is unthinkable; even if a sweet tooth sometimes needs stopping, we don't feel inclined to advocate stopping the sweets.

Drake Memorial

The Sir Francis Drake Association of California have dedicated this granite cross at Drake's Bay, a few miles north of San Francisco, to mark the approximate location of the great sailor's landing in North America in 1579.

OH BOY!

Boys are found everywhere and are wonderfully interesting to all, including other boys. Also they are called kids, buds, tots, chillen, chicken, kittens, teeneyweeneys, babies, small fry, little ones, dears, iddly-biddlies, darlings, and monkeys.

Boys like to play with cats, dog's tails, dads, other boys, knives, and glass pieces, tops, yo-yos, strings, and water.

Boys don't need a regular meal, but only ice-cream and sugar and, in eating them, prefer to help themselves. They think comics are better than text books.

Shankar's Weekly, New Delhi

Boys are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them.

A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with chewing-gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

The Sunday Star, Wilmington, U S A

PRIDE IN THE OLD GREAT WESTERN

A PLEA has been made that the famous old name, Great Western Railway, should be used instead of the new name, Western Region.

Some of the coaches, engines, trucks, and cutlery, still carry the old name which has spelt romance and adventure for thousands of travellers. It has a ring which is totally absent from B.R. (Western Region). Men of the G.W.R. were proud to serve on a fine railway; now they belong to a mere "region."

The Army, which is also a nationalised undertaking, takes great care to preserve honourable old associations. Men belonging to a historic regiment would not like to become "Military employees, Number 6 Battalion, Southern Region."

The plea is worth considering. Nationalisation may or may not be a good thing, but it is no justification for blotting out tradition. The craze for classifying everything is the hallmark of officialdom, and it ought to be resisted.

Foiling the Midge family

CAMPERS and hikers will be able to enjoy the glories of Scotland in greater comfort now that a preparation has been found to foil the antics of Mrs. Midge. A writer in the magazine, Camping, says that the Scottish Tourist Board have spent £1000 on solving the midge problem.

Mrs. Midge's clan name is Culicoides impunctatus, and hers is notorious among Scotland's 23 varieties of biting midges in its preference for human flesh. It is the lasses of the clan who make merry on bare knees, ankles, arms, and necks; the lads are dour vegetarians.

The Tourist Board recommends a repellant containing dimethyl phthallate (DMP) to frustrate their twilight frolics, and enable us to go roaming in the gloaming without any irritating little companions.

THINGS SAID

BY the mass-produced and mind-saving pleasures with which every child is surrounded the scales are weighted against a robust growth of the individual intellect. *Headmistress, Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon*

To say the mother's place is in the home may be old-fashioned, but it is true.
Bishop of Derby

CANADA'S need for men and women of energy and ability is so great that I know of no other place in the world where so great an opportunity presents itself to the individual who truly wants to win his spurs by his own efforts.
Principal of McGill University

I DON'T know whether we are happier, but we are certainly living longer. *Lord Horder*

AMERICANS are amazed to find that in the confined waters of the River Tyne more ships are being built than in the entire United States. *President, U S Society of Naval Architects*

Then shall the clangour cease

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother:
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace. *J. G. Whittier*

Just an Idea

As Robert Blatchford wrote: Fortune is stable in one thing—she does not love faint hearts.

Under the Editor's Table

A man says he does not need sleep. Never dreams of it.

Women can express themselves through their hats. Men often talk through theirs.

A goat ate part of a little girl's frock at Battersea Park. Thought it was sweet.

Never attempt a job that is beyond you. You will probably get behind with it.

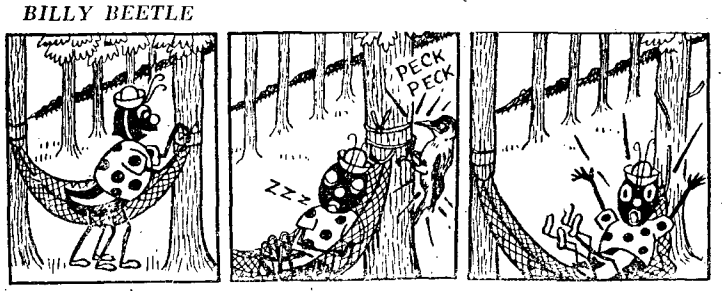
PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If old salts live in cellars

Cinema seats are going up. Everyone will sit in the balcony.

Keep a sharp eye on wall fruits, says a gardener. In case somebody hooks them.

BILLY BEETLE



OUR HOMELAND The West Gate at Canterbury, where a great Festival season is now beginning

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LEARNING TO BE A FARMER

7. Keeping the hoe moving

Last month Ian Farley learned that the farmer no longer relies on June sunshine to ripen his hay crop. This month he discovers that hoeing, once a backaching task, has been mechanised, and learns how the rotation of crops keeps the land clean.

MIDSUMMER DAY has come and gone, and down on Grove Farm the crops have made vigorous growth; but they have not been alone, for between the rows the weeds are standing ankle high.

Looking out over his fields one morning Mr. Waring observed to Ian: "We'll have to hurry up and hoe those turnips and sugar beet or else the crops will be smothered."

"Oh dear," said Ian, "are we going to spend another month hoeing like we did in May? My back has scarcely recovered from that, even now."

"No," laughed the farmer, "you'll do your hoeing seated on a tractor this time."

To Ian this sounded too good to be true, so he asked the farmer to explain just what he meant.

"It's quite simple," answered Mr. Waring. "Years ago all weeding had to be done by hand with hoes, until someone invented what is called the horse hoe, which is just two or three knives mounted on a framework and pulled along by a horse. The knives run horizontally, just under the surface of the ground in between the rows of plants and cut off all the weeds at the roots.

"When the tractor came in it was an easy matter to pull a hoe big enough to weed up to four rows at a time, but it was very difficult for the tractor driver to steer so accurately that he didn't hoe out bits of the rows of crops as well as the weeds.

"This difficulty was overcome by arranging the hoe so that, although it was pulled along the rows by the tractor, it had a seat mounted on it from which a man could steer independently of the tractor. When the man on the hoe sees that the blades are going a bit too close to the rows of plants he turns a wheel, which brings the blades back to their proper position. On some machines the hoe blades are steered by men walking in the rear.

"That is how it came to be called a 'steerage hoe.' It is one of the most useful implements on the farm, because it means that we can weed large crops of roots or potatoes in a very short time and so we have a much better control over weeds."

"Why do they call turnips and potatoes 'cleaning' crops, Mr. Waring?" asked Ian.

"Well," answered the farmer, "weeds are often referred to by farmers as 'dirt,' and root crops such as turnips, sugar beet, and potatoes are called cleaning crops because they enable us to clean up the 'dirt' by hoeing in between the rows.

"Other crops such as hay and corn cannot be hoed, and if too many such crops are grown year after year, weeds accumulate and the land gets 'dirty' and has to be 'cleaned.'

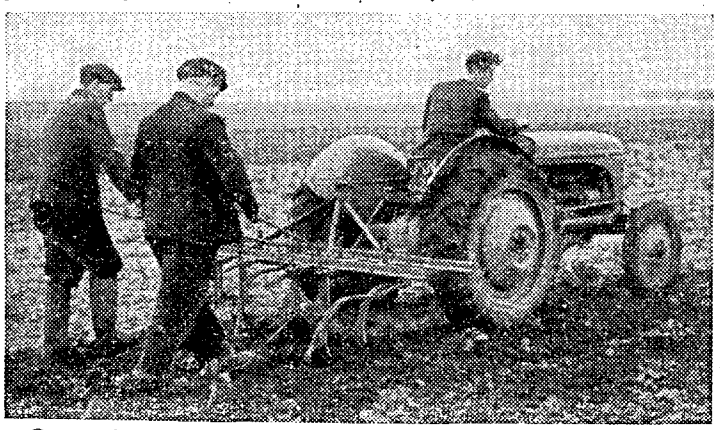
"In planning what crops we are going to put on each field year after year we follow what is called a rotation, such as wheat one year, hay the next, oats the next, and roots or potatoes the year after, then back to wheat again.

"A rotation like this has many advantages, the land is thoroughly cleaned every four years by the roots or the potatoes, pests and diseases do not accumulate as they would if the same crop were grown year after year on the same field, and as different crops take different foods out of the soil, a rotation is good for the land as well."

During the next fortnight Ian became quite skilled at working the steerage hoe and was an expert at guiding the machine so that it killed all the weeds but did not touch the rows of plants.

However at the end of two weeks he was quite pleased to have a standing job because after riding so long sitting on a hard seat over bumpy ground he found that long sitting down was not quite so comfortable after all.

(Next month young Ian Farley will lend a hand with the start of the corn harvest.)



One of the most useful instruments on the farm — a steerage hoe.

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50 YEARS OF PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS

The tremendous progress made in education during the past half century is described in the Ministry of Education's illustrated annual report (Stationery Office, 7s. 6d.).

In 1900 most of the boys and girls went to "board schools," and the leaving age was 12. There was no Ministry of Education, State schools being supervised by school boards.

The boards spent £16,200,000 in 1900, whereas in 1950 local education authorities spent £237,257,000. In the vital matter of smaller classes there has been a vast improvement, averaging 26.9 pupils to a teacher in 1950 as against 48.3 in 1900.

A boy or girl at school after 14 was a rarity in those days, only 21 per thousand of the child population remaining at school between the ages of 14 and 18; in 1950 the number is 328 in every thousand.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Fifty years ago school authorities did not concern themselves about the children's health; in 1949 medical inspections of boys and girls totalled 1,835,000. A few attempts to provide food and milk for some of the neediest children were made by voluntary organisations in 1900. Last year about 50 per cent had dinner.

It was very difficult, too, for the child of poor parents to pass to a grammar school, for few of such schools were free. And for a poor student to go to a university was almost out of the question in 1900, for though he could win an open scholarship the sum awarded rarely covered the full cost. In 1950, however, 27,440 students were at a university either free or with help from the authorities. In addition, 11,444 new scholarships and awards have been recently offered.

We have certainly taken great strides since 1900 towards making ourselves an educated nation.

CYCLE SERVICE

17. Getting ready for the holidays

Do not spoil your cycling holiday by failing to check over your machine before you set out.

Make a complete list of the parts of your cycle and tick off each item as you check it. Wipe off old grease and dirt and replace with fresh oil or grease.

Pay particular attention to tyres. Punctures will prove your biggest bogy, especially off the beaten track. Have you fitted a flint catcher? You may need stouter tyres. Does any item in your puncture repair outfit need renewing? Is your pump serviceable and the connector not frayed?

Check your tools. Add spare chain links, lamp bulbs, insulating tape, and, if the going is to be very rough, spare spokes. You can plug these spokes into a cork and carry them in your seat tube.

THE POLICE IN THE PICTURE AGAIN

By Eric Gillett, the C N Film Correspondent

EALING STUDIOS found a very popular subject when they filmed The Blue Lamp. In it the Metropolitan Police were the real heroes, and their everyday activities provided plenty of drama and tension, and some good laughs, too.

In their new picture, The Lavender Hill Mob, Ealing Studios deal with the police again, this time from a purely comic angle. With T. E. B. Clarke to write the script, Charles Crichton to direct, Georges Avric to compose the music, with Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway to play the principal parts, they practically ensured success.

The result is a light-hearted, spirited, and, in places, very funny entertainment. The Lavender Hill Mob is a farce, with no pretensions to be anything else. But it is made from a good plot.

Mr. Holland (Alec Guinness) is a meek little bank clerk. For years it has been his job to travel in the van that carries gold bullion from the gold refineries to the bank. Secretly, it is his dream to appropriate a million pounds in gold bars for himself, and to go away somewhere and live in luxury for the rest of his life.

At the boarding-house where he lives he meets Mr. Pendlebury (Stanley Holloway), who runs a little factory manufacturing souvenir articles for the tourist trade. When Holland is taken over the factory, he notices that the foundry is very like the other foundry in the gold refinery.

Then the great idea strikes him. It is elaborate and complicated. As a result of it Holland has his lips and eyes sealed with sticking plaster. He is bound with ropes and takes a ducking in the Thames.

Later Pendlebury and Holland have to run down the steps from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Finally they take part in one of the most laughable sequences I have ever seen on the screen.

It involves a chase beginning in a police museum and continuing in police cars all over London. Holland gets away BUT . . .

It is the BUT that really makes the film.

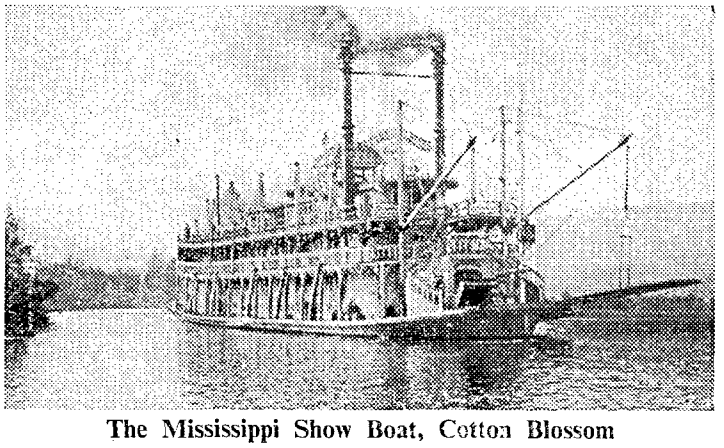
Films for children

A splendid new enterprise to provide films for boys and girls has just been started. It is a non-profit-making company called Children's Film Foundation, Ltd., and it is being established by the British film industry as a whole.

It will be controlled by a board of directors drawn from the four main film trade associations in this country, and its chairman will be Mr. J. Arthur Rank.

More films for young people are badly needed, and the C N wishes every success to this excellent new Foundation.

SHOW BOAT SAILS ONCE MORE



The Mississippi Show Boat, Cotton Blossom

AMONG the new musicals, Show Boat deserves mention for its excellent sound track and photography.

It is not an easy thing to turn a serious novel into a musical. The story is bound to suffer, as it does here. In fact, it lumbers along slowly and is not always easy to follow.

It is the singing that matters, as the tunes by Jerome Kern are among the best musical comedy tunes ever written. Over 20 years after the stage play's first production, everybody must know Ole Man River today. The present singer is not as good as Paul Robeson, but he is impressive.

As the hero and heroine Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson do justice to their charming songs, and Ava Gardner is one of the actresses who are suited by Technicolor. Joe Brown acts better than anyone else as the captain of the Show Boat.

If you like good songs and truly competent singing, you will like Show Boat.

William Warfield as Joe **Joe E. Brown as Cap'n Andy**

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A GREAT SAILOR'S STORY

Few men have had lives as thrilling as Admiral Lord Mountevans (Evans of the Broke), and another book by him is always welcomed. In Happy Adventurer (Lutterworth Press, 7s. 6d.) he tells his own story.

The sea called Edward Evans when he was little more than a child, and by the time he was ten he had run away from home three times in search of another on the waters. At last, still a lad. he felt the longed-for deck under his feet when he joined the Training College, H.M.S. Worcester, and his life of crowded adventure began.

The thrills in this book come from real life. We are beside Lieutenant Evans in the Antarctic as he cautiously works a laden sledge across a natural narrow ice bridge over a yawning blue-black chasm; we are with him on the splintered bridge of the immortal Broke as he calmly decides to ram the enemy destroyer just ahead.

From these pages we can find out just what it feels like when chances of getting through are pretty thin.

He knew that feeling often, yet he writes: "If I had my life over again I certainly wouldn't change it, because it has been full of excitements, hazards, and adventures, in peace as well as in war."

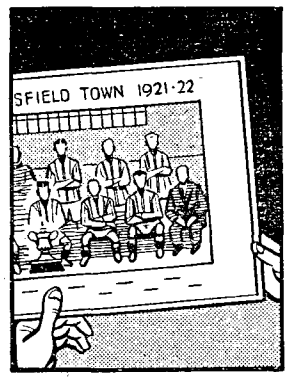
IN DARWIN'S WAKE

One hundred and twenty years ago Charles Darwin, the famous naturalist, set sail on an historic five-year voyage to study the beginnings of life on this planet. He described in his book, The Origin of Species, all the specimens he discovered on this voyage.

Now 12 American naturalists are planning a world cruise to the same places visited by Charles Darwin. They will search for the same kind of specimens discovered by him and also will find out what geographical changes have taken place in the areas he described.

Steps to Sporting Fame — William Watson

One of the few to play for their country at both cricket and football is William Watson, Yorkshire left-hand batsman and Sunderland wing half-back.



The inspiration to succeed at soccer was there right from childhood. Willie's father was left-half in the Huddersfield Cup-winning team of 1922, and went on to win three League Championship medals.

Like father, like son. Willie became a Huddersfield footballer, and at outside-left represented England in 1945. Transferred to Sunderland in 1946, he became a wing-half and in this position played for England.

Watson, the cricketer, first played for Yorkshire in 1939, had a Test trial in 1946, and received his County cap the following year. He was chosen to bat for England this year against the South Africans.

SHE WILL CHALLENGE THE ATLANTIC QUEENS

America's largest merchant ship, the United States, has taken the water, but it would not be strictly accurate to say that she has been launched, writes the C N Shipping Correspondent.

This liner, the third largest in the world, was built in a dry dock, and "launched" by flooding the dock with water. This unusual method of building allowed the ship to have her engines installed and even her funnels erected before she was afloat. Usually vessels are launched when the hull is completed, and the engines are put aboard afterwards.

Drydocks are, however, usually of too great importance to utilise them for long periods of time for the building of one ship.

The Americans have spared no effort to make the new Transatlantic liner a formidable rival to the Queens. Though she does not approach them in size—both Queens are well over 80,000 gross tons, while the United States will be 51,000 gross tons—she is planned to be slightly faster.

I myself was on board the Queen Elizabeth when she did 30 knots over the Arran measured mile. Her maximum speed is somewhat above this, though the exact figure is not revealed.

It has been claimed that the United States is a longer vessel than the Queens, but actually she is just a little shorter—just under instead of just over 1000 feet long. But the extra length in proportion to tonnage indicates the importance the Americans have placed on speed.

She will cost about 70 million dollars, and about a third of her price is accounted for by defence features. She is planned to carry 14,000 troops at a time in the event of war, and has special precautions against wartime dangers. Her hull has been subdivided almost as much a warship's.

To prevent fire on board she has been built entirely of non-combustible materials, and it is said that only the pianos and the butchers' chopping blocks are made of wood!

Although British ships employ a considerable amount of wood aboard, their fire precautions, and especially the standard of electric wiring, a great potential source of fire danger in ships, is of such high quality that their fire record is, of course, excellent.

The United States has the two largest funnels in the world, each 60 feet across and 55 feet high. They are made of aluminium, like much of the superstructure.

The keel of the United States was laid in February last year, and she is expected to enter Transatlantic service early next summer. She will carry 2000 passengers and a crew of 1000. She is propelled by quadruple screws, driven by steam turbines.

INDIAN BRAVES PRAY FOR PEACE

Four Indian braves, painted with yellow ochre, recently prayed for world peace on the top of Near Butte, South Dakota. They were four Cheyennes, and they fasted and prayed on the mountain four days and four nights. Prayers also were made for a stop to the Korean war.

The last Cheyenne peace ceremony was conducted in May 1945.

LIFE ON GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

Farmers are finding life a little difficult on New Zealand's Great Barrier Island. This is the mountainous island sheltering the gulf which Captain Cook named the Firth of Thames more than 180 years ago because of its resemblance to the Thames estuary.

There was a time when hundreds of families found profitable occupation there, felling kauri pine trees to supply Auckland city, only 55 miles away, with timber. Now the best timber trees have vanished, and much of the island is a forestry reserve; but on the flat lands isolated farmers and their families, some 300 people in all, including 60 Maoris, graze cattle and sheep.

Recently the New Zealand Government sent its Minister of Lands and Forests to The Barrier to see what could be done to help these people, and as a result of his visit men and machines are now being sent to build better roads.

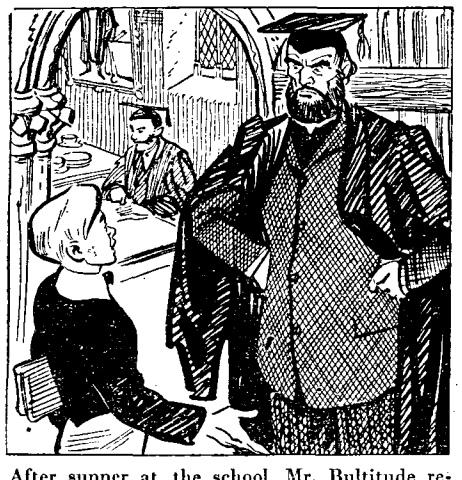
When this has been done the coastal ship that visits the island every week will need to call at only one harbour instead of at three little ports as at present. A radio-telephone service is also to be provided.

Near The Barrier is Little Barrier Island, New Zealand's best-known bird sanctuary, where birds that have become rare on the mainland continue to live as they did in those long-past days when Captain Cook sailed past and gave names to a newly-charted coastline.

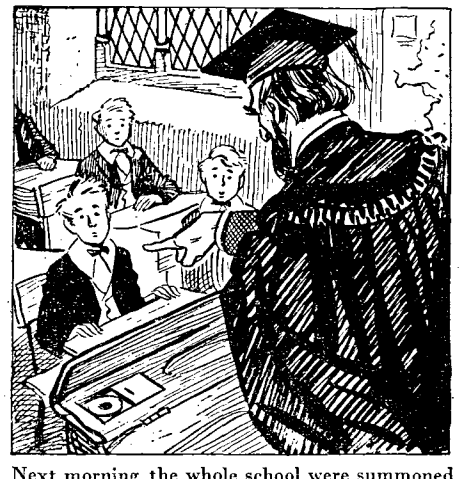
LETTUCE SPECIAL

Fine crisp lettuce are grown on the famous Chat Moss in Lancashire, and every day a special train brings them to London. It is made up of about 30 specially-prepared cattle trucks, their open sides giving just the right ventilation needed for the lettuces to arrive almost as fresh as when they were first picked.

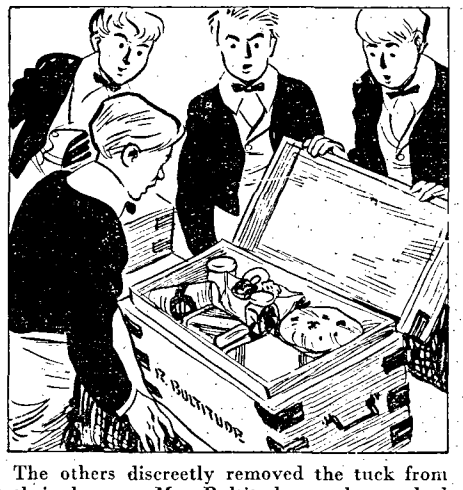
VICE VERSA—F. ANSTEY'S AMUSING SCHOOL STORY, TOLD IN PICTURES (4)



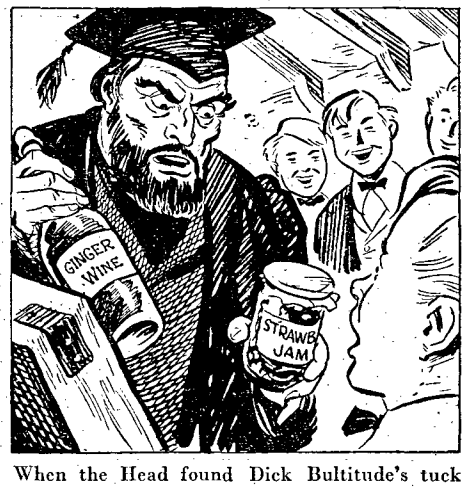
After supper at the school, Mr. Bultitude resolved to tell the Doctor who he really was. Wishing to be alone with him he said: "Cannot we go where we shall not be interrupted? You have a study, I suppose?" The Head replied: "Yes—and I have a cane. I can convince you of both facts if you wish it. If you insult me again by this brazen buffoonery I will! Be off to your dormitory." In bewilderment, Mr. Bultitude slunk upstairs.



Next morning the whole school were summoned for a talk from Dr. Grimstone. He was very angry with Coggs, whom Mr. Bultitude had denounced in the train yesterday for eating peppermints. The Head had absolutely forbidden anyone to bring tuck back to school. After punishing Coggs, he sent the boys to bring up their boxes, just as they were, for inspection. Mr. Bultitude went down to the box-room with the others, confident Dick's box would be empty.



The others discreetly removed the tuck from their boxes. Mr. Bultitude, at home, had given orders against any luxuries being hidden in his son's box, but he found it crammed with cakes, butterscotch, toffee, ginger wine. The boys were indignant at this sneak, who had got poor Coggs into trouble, having a full tuck box himself. They made him leave it all in the box and obligingly carried it upstairs for him to the schoolroom.



When the Head found Dick Bultitude's tuck he gasped and exclaimed: "So I have nourished one more viper in my bosom, have I? A crawling reptile which curries favour by denouncing the very crime it conceals in its box!" Mr. Bultitude protested, "I—I swear I never put them in! I never touch such things; they would bring on my gout in half-an-hour." The Doctor retorted: "Go to your dormitory, and wait there till I come to you!"

What new humiliations await the transformed man of affairs? See next week's instalment

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The Gallant Third of Milbourne

by GUNBY HADATH

The Shining Hour (1)

Mont Joly, in the shadow of the mighty Mont Blanc. And perched on its summit, Mr. Grimmett's illustrous Third Form!

Whatever were they doing there? How had they got there?

It all began in that rash and incredible moment when their Form-master, the Grim Bird, as the boys called him, being in one of his expansive moods, or, it might be, at the desperate end of his tether, had promised to take them for a fortnight to the French Alps if only they did him real credit in the summer term exams.

And when they had achieved an amazing success, attributed by Pettifer to the Ants Club, now unfortunately defunct, how else could their Grim Bird celebrate the phenomenon—for Ants Club or no Ants Club, that was what he himself called it—than by living, as he always did, up to his word?

But he clapped on another condition.

"Now, mark you," he bade, "you must improve the shining hour while you are there. Sprottle, what does 'improving the shining hour' mean?"

"Please, sir, polishing it up, I suppose, sir," hazarded Sprottle.

"And how can you polish your shining hours in France? Wheat Minor, you tell me."

"Please, how do *I* know, sir?" said Wheat, looking highly aggrieved.

"Can any of you tell me?" the Grim Bird proceeded.

But even the Ants Club might have jibbed at that teaser.

So the Grim Bird explained.

"'Improving the shining hour' means, in this case, improving your French."

"Yes, sir," said Maxton Major dismally. "Where are we going, sir?"

"Have you ever heard of Mont Blanc, Maxton?"

Maxton thought that he had. It was somewhere in Switzerland, wasn't it?

"It is not," Mr. Grimmett informed him. "Mont Blanc is in France. With a little town called St. Gervais just below it. And that is where we are going."

"Sir, shall we have avalanches and things?" exclaimed Balmforth.

"You will not, at this time of the year. But you will have the great glaciers above you and eternal snow——"

"I say, sir!" said Wheat, with a shiver.

"There is no need at all for alarm, Wheat. You'll be far below it."

"And would we want much luggage?" Jellicombe asked.

"Certainly not. You will each take a rucksack. And you are going to sleep under canvas."

"In tents, sir!"

"In tents."

Much jollier, they agreed, than a stuffy hotel.

But how the days dragged till at last they mustered in London to find Mr. Grimmett waiting at Victoria Station. Then into the train with compartments reserved to themselves; and so full speed to Dover.

It was on the Channel boat that Wheat Minor excelled. For, having furnished himself with an ice-axe and climbers' rope, the latter coiled professionally round his shoulder, he slipped away and paraded the decks by himself, pausing artlessly, as it seemed, in front of the ladies whose attention he was aware that he was claiming.

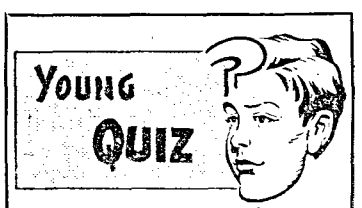
"What grand weather for climbing!" he said. "This is just the sort of weather you want when you're mountaineering."

"But at your age!" they marvelled. "Do you climb much?"

"Oh, so so," he replied, with a shrug of his shoulders. Then he drifted on, a hero for once in his life.

Soon they arrived at Calais, then into the train again, to be whisked off to Paris, where they crossed in an omnibus to the farther terminus, with plenty of time for supper there in the restaurant. Their old Bird was doing them proudly, they said, as they finished, and hurried to their compartments in the next train, which rattled them through the night to St. Gervais itself.

It was eight o'clock in the morning when they arrived, to find their tents already pitched in a meadow, Mont Joly overlooking them on the one side, and across the valley the mighty White Mountain itself. It took their breath away to behold it, this monarch of mountains.



1 When is Independence Day?
2 What is a daguerrotype?
3 Which is the biggest town in Switzerland?
4 Ostracise means—to banish, to turn to stone, or to look like an ostrich?
5 In what sport would you feather?
6 Who said: Reading maketh the full man?
7 What is the Plimsoll Line?
8 Which county is sometimes called Salop?

Answers on page 11

The fertile green slopes with their gorges and farms made its footstool. And above these a girdle of pine forests, tier after tier, which the climber must tread before ever he came to the glaciers and eternal snow.

"Sir, can we climb it tomorrow, sir?" twittered young Sprottle.

"Certainly not," said the Grim Bird. "You will neither climb it tomorrow nor any day, Sprottle. Would I let you endanger your miserable neck by real climbing!"

"But couldn't we go as far as one of the refuges. There are refuges on the way up, so my book says, where people can shelter or spend the night if they like."

"There are," conceded the Grim Bird. "But you and I will pass the night in our tents. And tomorrow, if you feel equal to it after your journey, you shall climb Mont Joly. There! That's a promise."

"Then there isn't any snow, sir, or ice on Mont Joly?"

"No, none in the summer, or none worth mentioning, Sprottle. It is hard-trodden grass all the way. We can all manage that."

Young Sprottle looked happier, and made mental note to cut out the Customs when he wrote home to his sister, and to tell her instead how he'd mastered Mont Joly itself. 'The other fellows funked it,' he would inform her, 'but I took one of the guides and went up like a bird.' Then his conscience pricked him. "Sir, do you have guides up Mont Joly? And are they expensive, sir?"

"Your guide will charge nothing," the Grim Bird assured him.

"Do you mean that you're taking us up yourself, sir?" gaped Sprottle.

"I shall indeed. Should I let you out of my sight! I shudder to think what mischief you might get up to."

"But what I want to know, sir," said Balmforth, "is how long will it take us?"

"If we start in good time we ought to be up there by midday."

"On the summit, sir?"

"No. We shall not climb as far as the actual summit. There is a nasty patch of shale to negotiate there. We shall come to a halt just beneath it, and enjoy our sandwiches. How will that suit you?"

"Jolly well, sir," they chorused.

But how did it suit their old Grim Bird himself the next morning? Were his limbs as supple as they had been in the gallant days of his youth? Did his breath come as freely, as he toiled up and up, as it had done when he was here a few years ago? No!

But was he to disappoint his Third Form? Not he! It was all easy going. So he would rest where he was while they carried on by themselves. And one of them should be put in charge of the party. With this decision he threw himself down on the grass, bidding Pettifer to carry on in his stead.

But this was to the lively resentment of Balmforth who, as ex-captain of the Good Intent, main-

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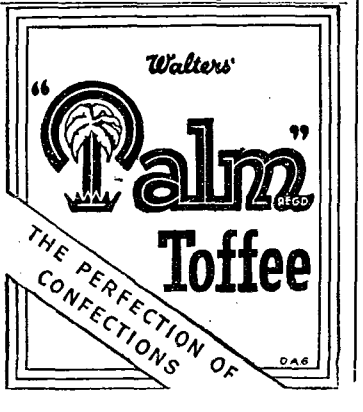

Joke brings a Job

When 25-year-old Johannes Motswani lost his job as delivery boy because of failing business he asked his employer, a shopkeeper of Roodepoort, South Africa, where to look for other work.

"I don't know. You had better go and ask Dr. Malan," jocularly replied the shopkeeper.

Johannes packed all his worldly goods on a bicycle and started the 1000-mile trek to Cape Town. It took him ten days. On arrival he went to the employment exchange for Africans and reported that he had come to work for Dr. Malan.

The exchange official telephoned Groote Schuur, the Prime Minister's official residence outside Cape Town. The caretaker replied that though he knew of nobody named Johannes there was a job vacant on the estate.

Johannes went for it, was given a trial, proved suitable, and is now gardener to the Prime Minister of South Africa.

Florence Nightingale's Home

Florence Nightingale's Derbyshire home, Lea Hurst, which for the last few years has been a nurses' home, has been bought for preservation by Mr. William Bowmer.

It was to this house that she returned in 1856 after her magnificent efforts in the Crimean War. The Navy had offered her a warship in which to come back in state, but she declined it and travelled to England privately. There was also talk of triumphal arches, and public addresses.

Florence Nightingale would have none of it. After a night spent quietly in London, she took a train, and then walked home alone from the nearest station.

She was home again, back in this stone house with many gables in the charming garden above the Derwent. Her father built it in 1825, and Florence first came here when she was five. Here as a child she tended her first patient, a shepherd's dog.

Gallant Third of Milbourne

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tained that he should be given that distinction. So as soon as they were out of the Grim Bird's sight, he helped himself to Wheat Minor's ice-axe and rope, as a symbol that he had taken over command, and off he went with the docile pack at his heels. What did they care who led them, so long as they got there? Provided, of course, that it wasn't young Sprottle, they said.

So here they were, Mr. Grimmett's indomitable Third Form, on the summit of Mont Joly, over 8000 feet above sea level.

When suddenly they discovered that they had lost Pettifer!

What has happened to Pettifer? See next week's concluding instalment.

RED INDIAN PRINCESS ARTIST

JUDITH MORGAN, a 17year-old Canadian Indian princess, has attracted the notice of art teachers across the Atlantic, not only in Canada but in the United States.

The Indian tribe to which Judith belongs, is known as the Tsimshians, and she has won the scholarship offered by the British Columbia Arts Society.

Until January 1947 she had never taken an art lesson. But in that year a new art teacher arrived at Judith's school at Alberni, and, *impressed by her simple drawings,* he persuaded her to try her hand at drawing posters. Since then Judith has not looked back.

It is not so long since her people, the Tsimshian Indians, wore brightly-coloured feathers in their hair, headbands around their foreheads, and shawls draped over their shoulders. But this young Indian girl took to the new medium as though born to it.

"At first she was afraid of being laughed at," her art instructor, Mr. J. Sinclair, said. "The Indians are touchy in that way, because they have often been laughed at in the past. But soon Judith was almost wearing me out with her demands for more and more art tuition."

And her energy brought splendid results. Four of her paintings, exhibited in Victoria, British Columbia, won her a scholarship with which she could study in the city.

Judith's subjects include paintings of Indian dances, the headdresses and masks which the Tsimshians wore at their feasts, and the daily life of her people since the days when they hunted with tomahawks.

Most of her work is in pastels and tempera, and it shows an excellent grasp of composition and a sensitive imagination.

Her success was encouraging to the other Indian children in her school. They realised that as Judith had won fame as an artist, they could perhaps do as well. Seeing that "the little princess" was not laughed at for her efforts, they made greater efforts in Mr. Sinclair's art class.

Two among them are doing well enough to think about taking up commercial art when they leave school.

Arts Centre in old Guildhall

King's Lynn Festival, which begins on Saturday, is to be visited by the Queen on Tuesday, July 24, on the occasion of the reopening of the restored 15th-century Guildhall of St. George.

The Guildhall is one of the most complete examples left in England of a medieval merchant guild. A threat to demolish it in 1945 was averted when it was purchasd by the late Mr. Alexander Penrose, of Bradenham Hall, Thetford.

Since then the St. George's Arts Trust has been formed and the building vested in the National Trust. With the financial support of the Arts Council and the Pilgrims' Trust, the ancient fabric has been completed and the building *transformed into a cultural centre* for the district.

Built by men of the Guild of St. George between 1410 and 1420, the King's Lynn Guildhall has been used for a variety of purposes. It has been a court-house, a corn-exchange, a sailmaker's shop, and an armoury and powder store in the Civil War.

Before this it was used as a theatre, and it is recorded that the Guild's Nativity Play of 1442 was acted in it, which would make it one of the oldest buildings connected with drama in the country.

Between 1585 and 1653 it was used by travelling companies of actors, and it is held by some authorities that Shakespeare himself was among these. Again in the 18th century it was used as a theatre, and the records show that in 1766 the corporation built a playhouse inside it for £450. Now once again, after a century of various uses, including those of a granary and wool warehouse, it is to serve the arts and continue a history that stretches over five centuries.

Radar for the blind

A hand-radar device for use by blind people has just been tested at St. Dunstan's experimental and research department in London. The unit which can be carried in the hand like an electric torch, conveys to the holder warnings of objects barring the way.

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AERO JETS DRIVE CLYDE STEAMERS

With earsplitting din the old Clyde steamer Lucy Ashton, converted into the world's one-and-only aero-jet research ship, roars up and down the Clyde on her experimental trips.

Few of those watching her realised the nature of these experiments until Sir Maurice Denny, the Dumbarton shipbuilder, in a lecture at the International Conference of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in London last month revealed the object of some of the tests.

Although the Lucy Ashton is fitted with four powerful aero-jet engines, she is not testing aero-jet engines as an alternative means of propelling waterborne vessels. The engines have been selected as giving a form of propulsion to the steamer which leaves the water round her hull undisturbed by paddles, propellors, or a towing vessel.

She is being used for the first full-scale tests of hull resistance at high speeds since William Froude, the naval architect, experimented inconclusively with the Greyhound in 1874. Previously all tests have been made in tanks with models, or with towed vessels.

The Lucy Ashton tests, which have been highly successful, will be continued, and the results will be seen in future vessels, where flow of water will pass more smoothly and therefore more economically along the sides of the ships.

Jet turbine ships of the future will, of course, be propelled by jet engines operating under the water, and so will be much quieter than the aero-jet propelled Lucy Ashton.

Another C N Competition

WIN THIS WEEK'S PRIZE BICYCLE!

• £5 in Other Prizes

HERE is the fifth of the new C N competitions. Once again we give all our young artists a chance to show what they can do.

As usual, this competition is open to all readers under 17, and there is no entry fee. A Bicycle (Junior model or full size as the winner may need) will be awarded for the best colouring of the picture given here. Ten 10s. Notes will be awarded for the next best entries, and due allowance will be made for age.

The colouring may be done in paints or crayons.

To enter, simply cut out and colour the picture as nicely as you can, but remember you can do better work if you paste the picture on a postcard or thick paper and let it dry thoroughly first. Cut out the panel whole—that is, **picture and coupon together** — and then fill in the coupon plainly in ink. Make sure that you get your effort signed as your own unaided work.

Then post to: **C N Competition No. 5, 5 Carmelite St., London, E.C.4 (Comp.)**, to reach us by Tuesday, July 31.

This competition is open to all readers in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Isles. The Editor's decision will be final.

This colouring is entirely my own work

Name.....*Age*.....

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SPORTS SHORTS

ARTHUR JEPSON, tall fast bowler, first played for Notts in 1938. This Saturday he takes his benefit at Trent Bridge—against Yorkshire. He has taken over 500 wickets in first-class cricket, and has also won a high reputation as a goalkeeper with Port Vale, Stoke City, and Lincoln City.

WHEN the Fulham footballers returned from their successful tour of Canada, they brought with them a gaily-carved totem pole, which had been presented to their club at Vancouver. Each player also received a small replica of the trophy.

WILL 13-year-old John Lovell, son of the village policeman at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucester, one day play cricket for his county? John has certainly made a good start. Recently, he played for the South Schools team against the North, at Gloucester, and during two overs dismissed three batsmen for only one run. Altogether, John took four for 11 with his slow leg spinners, which he practises in the back garden of the village police station.

THIS Saturday will be a red-letter day in the lives of many of our youngest athletes, for the Schools A.A.A. Inter-County (National) Championships are to be staged at Southampton. Throughout the early summer the counties have been holding their own individual championships, and the winners will be competing this week-end for national titles.

HUGO YARNOLD of Worcestershire set up a world record recently when he stumped six batsmen in an innings. He also caught one, thus becoming the sixth wicket-keeper to help to dismiss seven batsmen in an innings.

Another fine fielding achievement was that of Ken Grieves of Lancashire, who recently became the fourth fielder (apart from wicket-keepers) to hold eight catches in a match.

THE South African Rugby Football Union recently held a week of trials on the Newlands ground, at Cape Town, when 121 players took part. The party to tour Britain next autumn will shortly be chosen.

JAMES JOULE MUSEUM

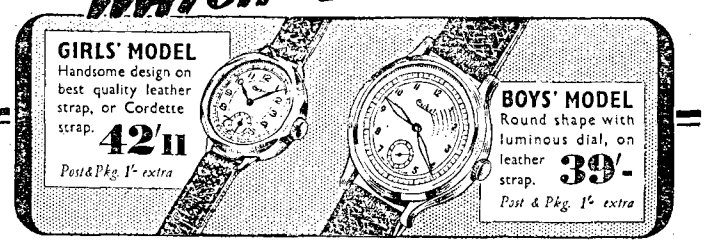
Joule House, Salford, where the physicist James Joule lived for many years, has been opened as a museum. It contains apparatus used by him in experiments.

Joule, who died in 1889, was a pupil of Dalton, and his physical and chemical research led to the development of efficient electro-magnetic engines.

YOUNG QUIZ—Answers

1 July 4.
2 Type of photograph. Named after its inventor, Daguerre.
3 Zurich.
4 To banish.
5 Rowing.
6 Sir Francis Bacon.
7 Line on ship's side to indicate depth to which ship can be loaded.
8 Shropshire.

AMAZING SWISS WATCH BARGAINS!



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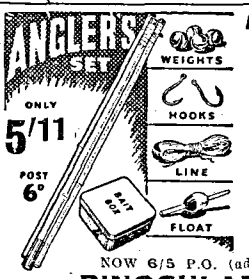

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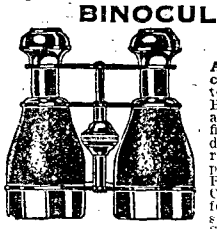
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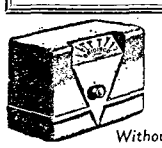
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THE BRAN TUB

TELL-TALE TIT

LITTLE JANE had been told she must not go on to the newly-sown lawn. Soon afterwards Mother saw her carefully stepping on the grass to get her ball.

"I told you not to go on the grass," she said when Jane came in.

"Who told you I did, Mummie?"

"A little bird."

"What a nasty bird! It was there itself only a few minutes before."

Holiday tour

HAVE you been for your holidays yet? Here are the names of eight seaside resorts, and if you start in the top left-hand corner and follow a regular plan, you should be able to find your way to all of them.

T O A R N O E
Q R M G G R V
U A Y A O S O
L C E T B K H
A C T O N E R
R S S E N G E
H Y L C R O M

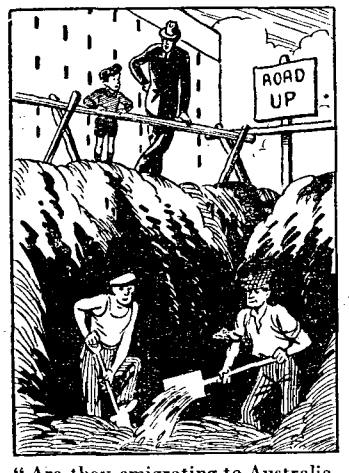
Answer next week

RIDDLE IN RHYME

A TYPE of stone, a cooling drink,
My blossom's scent is sweet.
My branches cast a pleasant shade
In many a London street.

Answer next week

RODDY



"Are they emigrating to Australia, Daddie?"

CHAIN QUIZ

The answers to the clues below are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the next answer, and so on.

1. Island of British West Indies famous for bananas, sugar, and coffee; has three counties—Cornwall, Surrey, and Middlesex! Name means "land of water."

2. Scottish historical writer (1795-1881); manuscript of his most famous work was in error used for fire-lighting.

3. River in the underworld, according to Greek mythology; mortals could forget all past unhappiness by drinking its water.

4. German town on River Neckar with well-known castle and university.

Answer next week

JACKO AND CHIMP CROSS THE FORD—ALMOST

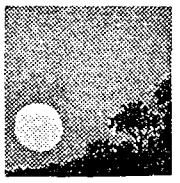
Neddy was in no hurry to complete the journey, much to Jacko's dismay.

But as he reached the ford he raised our heroes' hopes.

Then dashed them to the ground—as well as Jacko and Chimp.

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus is in the west and Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning Jupiter is in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at 10 o'clock on Wednesday evening, July 18



Easy to find

THE workman had gone to work for a new master. Soon afterwards the two employers met.

"How do you find Jones?" asked the first boss.

"Oh, I just look under the nearest shady tree!"

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS HUNGRY HEDGEHOGS.

"Look! there's a hedgehog," whispered Don to his sister Ann. "Keep quiet and we will watch him."

Master Prickles ambled along unconcernedly, pausing at a spider's web and calmly eating the unfortunate owner.

"Ugh! how beastly!" exclaimed Ann, running off.

"Well, Ann, spiders eat flies," chuckled Farmer Gray, hearing of the hedgehog's misdoings.

"There was a lot of rabbit fur and leaves on his spines," chimed in Don.

"He'd probably been at a nest of young rabbits," explained the farmer. "Hedgehogs often go underground, with drastic results to the rabbit population. As we have too many rabbits, this is a good thing."

SAND-WICHES

SIGHED a gloomy old hobo named Andy:
"This quarry is certainly handy.
Few people intrude,
But the trouble's the food—
My sandwiches always get sandy."

COUNTRYSIDE FLOWERS

VIPER'S BUGLOSS is a handsome plant, often found growing on rubbish heaps or waste ground, especially where the soil is chalky.

The flowers grow on short, curved spikes. They are pink at first, but eventually turn to a deep blue. An odd feature is that the stamens protrude considerably from the five gracefully-pointed petals.

The stout stems often grow two feet high and the leaves are long and tapering, upper ones being stalkless. The entire plant is bristly.

July Thirds

CAN you fit together the right heads, tails, and middles from the following list to make the names of: a Victorian novelist, an American President, two English poets, a Dutch painter, and a Suffragette leader? All of them have anniversaries this month.

JEF KHU RAY
ROC CKE RST
COL BRA TER
PAN FER NDT
REM ERI SON
THA HES DGE

Answer next week

MAXIM TO MEMORISE

NO good thing is a failure, and no evil thing success.

BARGAIN

"THIS refrigerator will pay for itself within a few years," said the persuasive salesman.

"Will it?" said the prospective buyer. "Well, as soon as it has, deliver it to my home."

Trying

SAMMY SIMPLE says that whoever said "Nothing is impossible" had not tried pushing toothpaste back into the tube.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Puzzle for Botanists
Anther, stalk, sepal, petal, stamen, leaf, carpel, pistil

What am I?
Co-nun-drum

Chain Quiz
Faust, stereoscope, Percival, Alfred

Riddle-my-name
Heather

A	P	S	E	▒	A	C	R	E
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BEDTIME CORNER

The hare in the hay nest

LETTY was very excited when Aunt Dorothy asked her to spend a week-end with her two boy cousins on their farm at haymaking time, for she had never stayed in the country before.

On the first evening they took a picnic supper out into the hayfield, and had it in a cosy hay nest which they had built; and then they played all kinds of exciting games. It was not until they were back indoors, and Auntie asked: "Where's the picnic bag?" that they realised they had left it out in their hay nest.

"One of you must fetch it," said Auntie then. "For if it should rain, the bag will be ruined."

"Do let me," cried Letty quickly, longing to go out into the hayfield again.

"All right," agreed Auntie. "And I'll come too. You boys get on up to bed."

So off into the scented summer evening they went. When she reached the hay nest, Letty took a flying leap into the centre. There lay the bag, just as they had left it. But what do you think Letty saw crouching beside it? A little baby hare!

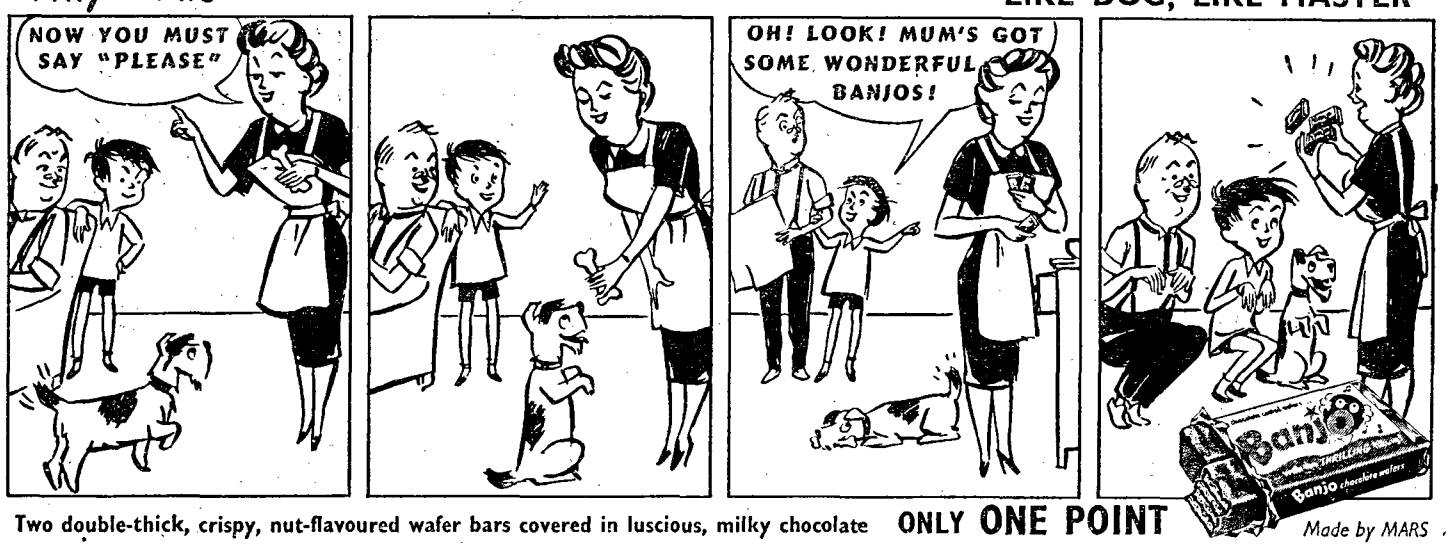
Carefully she stretched out her hand and stroked his fur, and he never moved, not even when she picked him up. Letty was thrilled. "If only I could take him home for a pet!" she exclaimed.

But Auntie shook her head. "It wouldn't be kind," she said. "You see, he isn't really lost, or needing care. All baby hares are quite capable of looking after themselves very soon after they're born in their open-air nest, with their fur on, and their eyes open. And if you took him away now from the fields he'd be so unhappy."

Sadly Letty put down the baby hare, and watched him scoot off across the field. But she cheered up completely when Auntie said: "If you want a pet you may have one of the stable cat's new kittens."

JANE THORNICROFT

Wily Willie



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